

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-9 and 11-21 are allowed and that claim 10 contains allowable subject matter. Thus, all of the claims of record have been indicated as at least being allowable.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for rejoining the previously withdrawn claims upon the indication of allowable subject matter in the generic claims.

In the Final Official Action, the Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner argued that the phrase "hardness of the soft material is 40 degrees" or lower is indefinite because the hardness of materials is measured in durometers, not degrees.

In the previous response, claim 10 was amended to clarify that the soft flexible material is rubber having a value of 40 or lower in hardness when measured by a durometer.

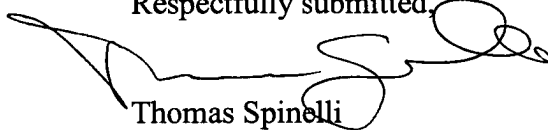
In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicates that the amendment to claim 10 will not be amended because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. Although Applicant disagrees, in the interest of advancing prosecution, claim 10 has been canceled thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

In the Final Official Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) because the drawings do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner argued that the hold member having a solid part in the rear of the holder tube and a hollow part in the front side ahead of the solid part must be shown or the features canceled from claim 4. As discussed in the

previous response filed November 1, 2005 (the remarks of which are incorporated herein by reference), in order to advance prosecution, claim 4 has been canceled, thereby rendering the objection to the Drawings moot.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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